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WAR DEPARTMENT
AIR CORPS
MATERIEL DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF DIVISION

WRIGHT FIELD, DAYTON, OHIO

November 30, 1928.

Dear Fleet:

I have your letter of the twenty-seventh, stating you have sent me, under separate cover, a copy of your catalog of the "COMMODORE", for which I thank you.

I infer this ship will be shown at the Chicago Show, and if so I will have the pleasure of seeing it there as I shall be up to the Show on Tuesday and Wednesday. I will see you then.

Sincerely yours,

W. E. Gillmore

W. E. GILLMORE,
Brig.-General, Air Corps.

Mr. R. H. Fleet,
c/o Consolidated Aircraft Corporation,
Buffalo, New York.

CONSOLIDATED AIRCRAFT CORPORATION
2050 ELMWOOD AVENUE, BUFFALO, N. Y.

November 27, 1928.

General W. E. Gillmore, A.C.,
Wright Field,
Dayton, Ohio.

Dear General Gillmore:

Under separate cover we are today mailing you a copy of our catalog of the "COMMODORE" which is the commercial prototype of the all metal flying boat we will complete next month for the Navy. As you know, its structure consists of duralumin tees, angles and channels with external riveting, the same as is used in modern building and bridge construction, except that they use steel. We feel that this type of structure is preferable to hollow tubular members which corrode without one being any the wiser, which are more expensive in production, and which are very difficult of replacement, granted that one knows when replacement is necessary.

It was this type of construction that we hoped to employ in building for you a bomber that we feel sure would put the Army Air Corps on top of the world in the bomber line.

The boat is now completely assembled in our factory, without the wing covering, and we trust you will find it convenient to drop in to have a look at it on your way to the Chicago Exposition. We feel sure also that its construction represents such advanced engineering that it warrants inspection by your Majors MacDill and Howard. We do not believe that its equal exists in Europe and it is only a short way to our factory.

With very best regards, we are

Yours, faithfully,

RHF:LL